

**Wellesley Public Schools
School Committee Policy Subcommittee Meeting
February 1, 2018
Superintendent's Conference Room, 40 Kingsbury St**

The Open Session meeting of the School Committee Policy Subcommittee convened at 10:05 AM. Those present included Chair Tony Bent, Secretary Matt Kelley, and Assistant Superintendent Judy Belliveau. Superintendent David Lussier joined the meeting at 10:20 AM.

MINUTES APPROVAL: 1/23/18

Mr. Kelley distributed minutes for the Subcommittee meeting of January 23, 2018. Dr. Bent noted an error in the title of the Policy BBBA/BBBB, which was changed. The minutes were approved unanimously as amended.

POLICY EF – FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT

Ms. Belliveau presented a proposed addition to Policy EF – Food Service Management that would cover the disposition of balances in students' food service accounts upon those students' graduation. After a brief discussion, the addition was accepted.

POLICY ECAF – SECURITY CAMERAS IN SCHOOLS

Dr. Bent led a discussion about Policy ECAF – Security Cameras in Schools, based on the feedback received via a letter to the School Committee from a resident. The discussion covered the policy intent of the District to withhold video footage from the public, except when otherwise required by law, as well as the intent to protect the identity of individuals appearing in video footage if and when that footage must be released. The text of the policy and associated administration guidelines was edited to reflect these intents.

POLICY JF – ADMISSION OF STUDENTS TO THE WELLESLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Subcommittee next discussed Policy JF - Admission of Students to the Wellesley Public Schools. There was consensus to remove Appendix B, which previously listed the benchmarks for entry into Kindergarten, in favor of referring to the District website for the current benchmarks (which may change over time, independent of policy).

Section 2.3 was modified to make clear that, for students residing in Wellesley for the purpose of attending the schools, the requirement to pay tuition does not apply to participants in District-approved programs, such as Wellesley ABC.

Finally, the Subcommittee discussed recent feedback received from a resident regarding the expectation that foreign exchange students attend for a minimum of an academic semester or year. The suggestion was to allow exchanges of shorter durations, to allow for more frequent and more flexible exchanges. Dr.

Lussier and Dr. Bent described their views that shorter, more unstructured exchanges are less desirable from an educational viewpoint, and potentially more disruptive to the classroom environment. After further discussion, the Subcommittee reached consensus to retain the expectation that exchanges be for a semester or year in duration.

POLICY ECA – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS SECURITY

The Subcommittee discussed recent feedback received from a resident regarding the “dog policy” portion of Policy ECA – Buildings and Grounds Security. After reviewing the reasons why the policy was recently enacted, the Subcommittee reached consensus to leave the policy unchanged.

REVIEW CHANGES IN SECTION B FROM MASC JUNE UPDATE LETTER

The Subcommittee continued its review of all policies in Section B – Board Governance and Operations, cross-referencing those policies with the corresponding policies from the MASC model policy manual, with a goal of considering whether to incorporate any of the recent changes MASC has made to their policies. The Subcommittee reviewed MASC changes in the following policies:

- BIA – New School Committee Member Orientation
rejected the changes from the MASC version
- BIBA – School Committee Conferences, Conventions, and Workshops
accepted a minor wording change

ADJOURNMENT

The Subcommittee meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Kelley
Secretary

Documents and Exhibits Used

SC Policy Minutes 2018-01-23
EF - Food Service Management Policy
ECAAF - Security Cameras in Schools
Security Camera Guidelines
Security Camera Policy Comments to WSC - Heuer-Monaghan - 2018-01-20
JF - Policy on Admission of Students to the Wellesley Public Schools
ECA - Buildings and Grounds Security
MASC Policy Manual Changes June 2017